# GRAFT A PRODUCT OF OUR TIMES

Wasteful Use of Money which Attends the Construction of Every Public Venture

#### THIS RAKE-OFF A MATTER OF COURSE

A Public Structure Fuilt Honestly Would Be a Freak Graft an Element to be Reckoned with in Computing the Cost of a Public Structure-Opinion of New York Supreme Court Justice Howard.

Troy, N. X., Dec. 23.—"The age of patriotism has yielded to the age of commercialism. Uppermost in the human mind today is not the stars and stripes, but the dollar mark."

individual or class of individuals is responsible. Graft is a product of our times and institutions. It is the people who are responsible; for they seem to have lost, or to believe that stripes, but the dollar mark."

Such was the declaration of Supreme Court Justice Wesley O. Howard in an opinion today, fixing the compensation of a commission apcompensation of a commission sp-pointed by him to appraise damages to property resulting from the con-struction of the Ashokan reservoir in Uniter county to firmleh a water are

lster county to furnish a water sup-ly for New York city. Judge Howard reduced the compensation of the commissioners from \$3,650 each to \$2,200, and then touched upon the subject of graft. All Things Possible if This Frightful

Leak Could Be Stopped. "It is greatly to be regretted," he said, "that no public enterprise can be projected and consummated without this appalling loss, called 'graft.' Graft is not necessarily an illegal expenditure of money; but it is that un-necessary wasteful use which charac-terizes the construction of every public venture. At least forty per cent. of all the money appropriated for public use is lost in graft. All things could be possible if this frightful leak could be stopped—roads, canals, libraries, asylums and hospitals—all these could be built out of graft could it. could be built out of graft could it

The People Are Responsible. "I do not believe that any particular

TALK OF WARRANT FOR ARREST OF WILLIAM R. HEARST Attorney Culliver Declares the Charge Would Be Election Fraud.

New York, Dec. 28.—Louis A. Culliver, attorney for Francis Dolan, who is charged with having aided in the alleged Tammany theft of the independence league machinery in the September primaries, said in court today that he would apply for a war-rant for the arrest of William Randolph Hearst within the next 24

Culiver declared that the charge would be election fraud, in that Hearst failed to obey the mandatory injunc-tion of the election law which specifind that delegates chosen at primaries must be summoned to the convention to which they are elected, even though the convention does nothing more than to adjourn sine die.

It is held that Hearst called no convention of his delegates in this county last fall and it was therefore within the authority of the delegates themselves to convene and nominate. This the total being \$12,230,671 and \$1,680,370 during the previous year.

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which precipitated the legal contro-

PRISONER MADE HYBRID FRUIT. Movement on Foot to Pardon "Sinbad

Minnesota state prison at Stillwater, has started a movement to get a par-don for "Sinbad the Sailor," a life prisoner, on the basis of his "service to the state of Minnesota in general

A party of the warden's guests, among whom was a member of the state pardon board commented on an immense fruit resembling a lemon. immense fruit. resembling a lemon, but weighing three pounds, and measuring eighteen and one-half inches in major circumference, resting on a sideboard. Interested by the warden's story, the guests pressed Mr. Wolfer to bring forward the fruit's creator, "The fruit before you is a lemon." the prisoner said, "and may be grown in Minnesota or any other portion of the world where like conditions prethe world where like conditions prevall. It is a graft of the tropical lem-on and the grape fruit. The grape fruit's qualities have been gradually changed. The Minnesota lemon is fitted for all the uses of the tropical fruit. It can be made into pies and lemonade, some of each of which will be served here today.

"I got the first cuttings for my in-tended experiments some years ago from Columbus. O. The fruit you see here came of years of work developing size and quality. The trees bloom twice a year, early in the summer and late in the fall. All the fruit on my trees of this wrighty grow shorest as trees of this variety grow almost as large as this, and are of equally good flavor and firmness."

TAMMANY ALDERMEN MUTINY.

New York, Dec. 28.—Tammany al-dermen mutinied for the third time to-day and declined to elect a successor to John F. Ahearn, who was removed from his office of president of the bor-ough of Manhattan by Governor Hughes.

As heretofore, Mayor McClellan had called a special meeting for the purpose of electing a successor, but no

Mayor McClellan said tonight that if the aldermen failed to elect tomor-row, to which time the meeting was adjourned, they will be liable for misdemeanor for wilfully neglecting a

THE CAPUA GIVEN UP FOR LOST German Freighter with Crew of 23 Not Heard from Since Dec. 3.

Hamburg, Dec. 28.—The German freight steamship Capua, with her crow of twenty-three, has been given up for lost. The vessel belonged to the Sloman line, and salled from this port for Genoa on December 1. She was last sighted two days later.

Be Sold.

Boston, Dec. 23.-A denial that the steamers Harvard and Yale of the Metropolitan Steamship company are to be sold to a Pacific coast company was issued today by J. W. McKinnon of New York, who recently purchased those steamers. Mr. McKinnon stated that the two turbine steamers would be kept on this coast

### Cabled Paragraphs.

Caracas, Dec. 28.—All traffic on the Caracas-La Guayra railroad has been suspended because of landslides caused by the recent-heavy rains,

Paris, Dec. 28 .- The chamber of dep uries today voted authorization to the Paris municipality to contract for a loan of 900,000,000 francs (\$180,000,-000) for an elaborate scheme of im-

Yasnaya, Poland, Russia, Dec. 28.—A diagnosis by his physicians develops that Count Leo Tolstoi, the Russian novelist is suffering from bronchitis and inflammation of the liver. The high fever of yesterday was followed

Caracas, Dec. 28.—The Venezuelan government has terminated the diplo-matic mission of Dr. Carlos Grisanti to France because France insists upon the arbitration of the claims of French citizens expelled from Carupano b Castor. Venezuela bases its action of the treaty of 1885.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Robert Bacon, who succeeds Henry White as American ambassador to France, arrived here this evening. He was accompanied by Mrs. Bacon and his son and daugh-ter. He will present his letters of credence to President Fallieres at the they have lost, their title to integrity. They expect graft, and even spoil and booty, to deplete their resources when-Elysee palace Friday

AGED PREACHER .

"Graft is as much of an element to

ing the Cost.

'It has come to be a matter of course—this rakeoff—a loss recognized by all who make estimates of cost in

to be in charge of the matter and the result is an endless muddle and mix-

In 1909 Over 1908-Collector Loeb's An-

nual Report.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

Unprofitable Investment-To Be Re-

placed by Modern Office Building.

the sport loving public. In it are held each year great indoor athletic meets,

devele races, wrestling matches the

an investment the garden has not

SEARCH FOR DR. COOK.

e found in either of these cities to-

NOT BUYER OF FRIAR LANDS.

The company has no investments in

Pittsburg, Dec. 28.—With the ice piled high against the plers of bridges spanning the Ohio river here and at

points below Pittsburg, river traffic has been entirely abandoned and riv-

ermen are preparing to cope with one of the worst packs ever experienced in the local harbor. An estimated ten million bushels of coal have been diverted from river transportation to southern points and cars are heing requested by coal operators, who realize that it may be weeks before the coal.

hat it may be weeks before the pack-t owners can again take up the work of sending the coal fleets down the

Butler, Mo., Dec. 28.—Philip S. E. Griffith of Greenfield was nominated by acclamation here today by republicans of the Sixth Missouri district, as a candidate to succeed the late Representative David A. De Armond. On December 23 the democrats nominated C. C. Dickinson.

Vetoed by Mayor McClellan.

New York, Dec. 28.—Mayor McClellan today vetoed the proposed expenditure for city improvements of 36,399,000 as passed upon by the board of aldermen, holding that such money should be disbursed by the Gaynor administration after Dec. 31.

-roved profitable.

IN CUSTOMS RECEIPTS

INCREASE OF \$41,800,502

AND HIS WIFE POISONED. Stomachs of Both to Be Sent to State Chemist for Analysis.

liam Ritter, an aged preacher, and his wife were poisoned is the theory advanced tonight by the coroner at the close of today's investigation of the death of the pair. When the bodies were found yesterday at the Ritter home it was believed that both had been murdered he a rehier or that the been murdered by a robber or that the husband first had killed his wife and then committed suicide by taking

struct a public undertaking for, then add forty per cent. for graft and you have the cost of the enterprise. A public structure built honestly would be a freak." The coroner will send the stomachs of both husband and wife to the state chemist for analysis. Charles Enoff, who lives near the Ritter home, said that last Friday night he heard Mrs. Justice Howard declares that the "whole project of the condemnation of land in the Ashokan valley is char-Ritter screaming, but gave no atten-tion to her cries, as he knew she was subject to attacks of hysteria. acterized by waste, disorder and con-fusion. There is no system and no plan for doing anything. Nobody seems

ROCK ISLAND INQUIRY OPENS. What Caused Monday's Sensational Rise in the Stock.

New York, Dec. 23. At the Rock sland stock investigation today it was reported after the examination of the witnesses before the committee that a brokerage house which frequently has executed important speculative orders for members of the so-called Rock Isl-

ed Monday to buy two thousand shares "at market."

When the stock began to leap the annual report, issued today. The total duties collected at the port of New York for 1909 amount to \$217,520,897. brokers rushed in to buy and other brokers, short of the stock, to cover. This caused the sensational perform-

York for 1909 amount to \$217,520,897.
Gold imports for the year show a decrease of approximately \$8,000,000.
They were \$19,291,152, compared with \$27,357,241 in 1909. Exports of domestic gold, on the other hand, were \$138,030,544 in 1909 and \$96,086,203 in 1908. Exports of foreign gold for 1909 were \$2,861,741 and \$1,680,370 during Increase in Pay of New York Women School Teashers Recommended. New York, Dec. 28.—The law of supply and demand should regulate the pay of women school teachers, according to the report of a special commission filed with Mayor McClellan today concerning the much agitated question of equal pay for women teachers in New York city schools. The commission falls specifically to recommend an were \$5,001.781 km \$1,000.000 the previous year.

Total imports of merchandise in 1909 were \$586,002.776, compared with \$650,-201.792 in 1908. Domestic merchandise exported amounted to \$612,898,647, a decrease of about \$12,900,000 from the format in 1908. sion falls specifically to recommend an increase, but suggests that the pay of

> an additional \$11,000,000 a year. Planning Great Demonstration in Hon-

New York, Dec. 28 .- It was announce Garden, designed by the late Stanford White, and erected at a cost of \$2,000,000, has been sold to a real estate syndicate and will be torn down and replaced by a modern office building, according to a report in realty circles today. The property has been on the market for some time at \$3,000,000, Demolition of the Madison Square Garden would mean a serious loss to the sport loving public. In it are held each year grant and admirers and admirers are fine a great demonstration here in his honor. It will be held at the Metropolitan Opers house on the evening of February 8. Governor Hughes will preside. Commander Peary will be one of the principal speakers, and it is planned to group upon the stage with him as many as possible of the members of the expedition.

HANGED HIMSELF IN CAR. Body Dangled from Rafter All Way from Chicago to New York.

Major Alfred Dreyfus in Fist Fight. Paris, Dec. 28.-Major Alfred Dreywho is now atached to the staff national horse show, the dog and poul-try show, not to mention big political meetings, the circus and the like. As of General Dalstein, military governor of Paris, and M. Boerner, a royalist, met in the street today and indulged in a violent altercation, culminating in an exchange of blows. No injury was done on either side, and the police did not deem it necessary to interfere.

Two Gunners Frozen to Death. Wildwood, N. J., Dec. 28.—The two Detroit, Dec. 28.—A diligent search by newspaper men has failed to locate Dr. Cook in this city. When the redeath near here yesterday were identi-iled today as Lewis C. Krautter of Philadelphia, an instructor in botapy in the University of Pennsylvania, and Ernest J. McFarlane, son of Prof. John

(Ontario) to Detroit it was thought he might be on his way to Mount Clemens to take the baths, or to Jackson, Mich., Pennsylvania. Entire Turkish Cabinet Resigns Constantinople, Dec. 28.—The whole urkish cabinet resigned this evening, following the resignation of Hilm! Pa-cha, the grand vizier, who withdrew from the ministry earlier in the day. It is reported that serious conflicts have occurred at Bagdad, but this is not confirmed officially. Denial of Recent Report of Purchases Boston, Dec. 28.—A report that the American Sugar Refining company has purchased property in the Philippines was denied today by Washington B. Thomas, its president in a statement issued from the company's offices here. The company has no investments in

Founder of Radcliffe College Dead. Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 28.—Arthur Gilman, author, of Cambridge, Mass., died here today. He was 72 years old. He was the founder of the Harvard annex, now known as Radthe Philippines, he said, and has no cliffe college, and was the author of numerous historical works.

Toledo Police Capture Murderer. Toledo, O., Dec. 28 .- Joseph Mackels age 33, who killed 18-year-old Caro Hunt and shot her parents, Stephen Hunt and wife, last night, was captured tonight by police at an obscure hotel near the business section, where he occupied a room,

Midshipman Bragg Dismissed. Washington, Dec. 23.—Midshipman W. Bragg of the First district of Maine was today ordered to be dis missed from the naval academy for ex-cess of demerits. He was appointed to the academy in 1906.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 28.—Hogs brought the unusual price of \$8.60 on the Kansas City market today. This is the highest mark attained here since 1882. Receipts were heavy. Packers did not explain the high price.

Death of Maj. Gen. John A. Wiley. Franklin, Pa., Dec. 28.—Maj. tren John A. Wiley, probably the bes known military figure in Pennsylvania

#### Witness Brokaw Indications of In Irritable Mood Collision at Sea

UNDER SKILFUL CROSS EXAMI- BUNDLES OF SHINGLES CAME INTO BOSTON HARBOR. NATION OF WIFE'S LAWYER.

THEORY OF SEAFARING MEN

Sunken Schooner Located by Tug.

Boston, Dec. 28.—The discovery to-day of the wreck of the big five-mast-ed schooner Davis Palmer, which sank with twelve men Sunday morning near Devils Back buoy at the entrance of Broad sound, was followed by the re-port of another wreck three miles distant in the outer harbor.

Capt. Kemp May Have Been Mistaken

Wreck of the Palmer Located.

Seafaring men who believe that the

Other Disasters.

at Canton, N. Y.

Canton, N. Y., Dec. 28 .- The body of

Negro Blood.

wife has negro blood is the basis of a suit for annulment of marriage brought by W. S. Horton, a prosperous contracting plumber here. He won a preliminary move today when Justice Seabury of the supreme court appointed a commission to take testimony

ed a commission to take testimony

Mrs. Burstella Burkes of Danbury, aunts of Mrs. Horton, are among those

Mrs. Carrie Nation Appeals from \$100

Fine.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Carrie Nation has appealed from the fine of \$100 which recently was assessed her

court of appeals. The principal ques-tion raised by her attorney is that the

prosecution should have been made in the name of the United States instead

Armory.

militia armories throughout the country for training purposes. Armories in twenty-three states are affected by

Actor Andrew Mack's Wife Gets Abso

lute Divorce.

"Little Tim" Sullivan Left No Will-

New York, Dec. 28.—"Little Tim" Sullivan, alderman and political lead-er, who died recently, left an estate

valued at approximately \$500,000, according to the estimates of his friends but continued search has failed to re-

veal any will. During his ill health several months ago "Little Tim" start-ed to make a will, but never signed it.

Diamond Shoals Lightship Replaced

Beaufort, N. C., Dec. 28.—The Dia-mond Shoals lightship, which was blown ten miles off her station on Christmas day, is back at the proper

anchorage tonight. The gale that tool off the lightship raged as high as nine

The Cause of the Aurora Borealis.

Boston, Dec. 28.—Neon, a newly dispovered gas, is the cause of the auror.

ty miles an hour,

only son, Francis A. McAloon

Gladys L. De Val of Bridgeport and

from the woman's relatives in Connections

FORGETFUL OF DETAILS

Brokaw Gives His Definition of a Drinking Man-Prominent Persons Offer to Appear As Witnesses.

New York, Dec. 28.—W. Gould Brokaw had a bad day of it on the stand at Mineola, L. L. today. Previously he had testified of his attitude of fairness toward his wife, who is suing for separation with alimony of \$60,000 a year: but today, under skilful cross examination by her lawyer, he was forced to admit that he had accused her in a letter to his mother-in-law of loving another man of drinking too much port wine and of smoking ciga-rettes. He also admitted that his sec-retary. Byford, assisted him in breaking down the door of his wife's bed-

Courtroom Crowded. Brokaw was in an irritiable mood, and forgetful of details. The pretty plaintiff, however, was in as light a humor as her husband's was dark. Almost buried in white furs, she sat within a few feet of the witness and smiled often. The courtroom was

Prominent People Offer to Apnear for Mrs. Brokaw.

In addition to the several interest developments in Brokaw's testi-ity, it became known today that. Frank J. Gould, Lient-Gov. and t. Horace White of Syracuse, and or friends of Mrs. Brokaw, had offered to appear as witnesses in her hehalf, but counsel for Mrs. Brokaw said he considered his client's case sufficiently strong and declined the offer. These friends were nearly all members of a house party to which Brokaw had strong objected and it is said they are willing to testify in or-der to give their version of the affair Definition of a Drinking Man.

Toward the conclusion of the after-noon session Brokaw gave his defini-tion of a drinking man. He had tes-tified before that he does not drink. 'trivially exhilarated state'?" asked

Mr. Brokaw's lawyer.
"I cannot," replied the witness.
"When do you think a man qualifies as a drinking man?" he was ask-

call anyone a 'drinking man', who takes less than seven or eight drinks Trying to Get at Brokaw's Income.

Mr. Baldwin attempted to get at facts concerning Brokaw's in-which the defendant has attempted to show is not so large as re-

"No, I don't," replied Brokaw.
"How much is the yacht you do not
wn worth?" was another question. Frederic Remington, painter, sculptor and writer, was laid to rest in the "About \$100,000," came the answer. The witness could not recall if he family plot in the village cemetery wer discussed a plan to avoid paying here today. Funeral services had pre-

They came from everywhere, from associations of arts and letters, from
western admirers and from the New

PLA "There isn't any just now," replied York association of Rough Riders. Wants Divorce, Claims His Wife Has

a rafter of an Illinois Central freight sar, in which it had apparently trav-sled all the way from Chicago, the body of a middle-aged man was found In the Baltimore & Ohio yards on the West Side this afternoon. Five pairs of trousers and three coats were discovered on the victim, while papers in his pockets showed that he was Ko-vace Sandor, an Austrian, forty years old. There were \$17 in cash in his pockets. The man had evidently hanged himself in Chicago.

Switchmen's Strike Awaits Action of H. B. Perham.

St. Paul, Minn. Dtc. 28.—So far as can be learned tonight, the switchmen's strike in the northwest is awaiting the action of H. B. Perham, who is on his way to Washington to try to procure federal intervention in the entroversy between the railroads and se switchmen. On the outcome of Mr. Perham's mission, as chairman of the railway branch of the American Federation of Labor, will depend the future action of the allied bodies rela-tive to a possible general strike of railroad employes affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

Coroner's Finding in Seymour Trolley

New Haven, Dec. 28.—Coroner Mix touight made public his finding in the trolley accident at Seymour Sunday, in which the conductor and motorman of the conductor and motorman of the car were killed when that ve hicle jumped the track and plunged down a bank into the ice of the Naugatuck river. The coroner finds 20 criminal responsibility, but recommends that a guard rail be placed along the tracks where the accident occurred, as he says under similar conditions a similar accident might

Old State Arsenal and Armory Building Sold for \$15,000. Hartford, Conn., Dec. 28.—The old state arsenal and armory building was sold today to Abram D. Goldberg and H. I. Stark for \$15,090. It is understood that the greater part of the

Explosion of Dynamite, Four Men Mineral Point, Wis., Dec. 28.—Four men were killed by an explosion of dynamite in the powder room at the Oilie Beil mine here today. The men placed the dynamite too close to a

structure will be removed and apart-

Strike of Paris Opera Ballet Dencers New London.—Rev. James Q. Dolan of the Missionary band stationed at the Missionary band stationed at Milford preached at St. Mary's Star of the Sea church Christman morning at the 5.20 and 10.30 messes on the Birth of Christ.

Boston, Dec. 23.—Neon, a newly discovered gas, is the cause of the aurora borealls, according to a statement made to meet the majority of the claims set up by the women, who say that they only receive from \$20 to \$25 a month — "just enough to buy our shoes" they add

stove and the heat caused the explos-

### Condensed Telegrams

Dr. Harrison L. Wagner, the famou

Five Men Were Killed and two injur-One Man Was Killed and a score in-

jured when a car jumped the track near Detroit, Mich. Captain R. T. Mulligan succeeded Captain N. R. Usher as assistant to the bureau of navigation.

Cuno H. Rudolph, a former Balti-norean, is slated to succeed West as morean, is slated to s District commissioner.

President Taft commutted the life murderer, to 25 years.

Some of the Delegates to the Zionist

congress in Hamburg criticised leaders of the movement. William Jennings Bryan was enter-tained in Havana by United States Minister Edwin V. Morgan.

Pope Pius Received in private audience Father John G. Hagen, the director of the vatican observatory.

vision of the Pennsylvania railroad have a plan to increase the old age The \$250,000 Libel Suit of Francis J.

Capt. Kemp May Have Been Mistaken
This second victim of the great storm
which swept New England Saturday
night and Sunday was seen by Captain
Kemp of the tug Ariel, who asserts
that he saw three masts of a large
schooner projecting above the water,
about one and a half miles northeast
of the gas buoy on the Graves. Two
of the masts were surmounted by gilt
balls and had their booms and gaffs
still attached. The Palmer's masts
also bore gilt balls. Although Captain
Kemp locates the vessel three miles
east of the wreck of the Palmer, some
marine authorities think that he may
have been mistaken in his bearings
and that he saw the Palmer's masts.
Wreck of the Palmer Located. Dr. Sarah R. A. Dolley, aged 81 years, the second woman to take a medical degree from an American college, died at Rochester, N. Y.

Captain Bigelow, His Wife and Child and crew of the schooner Eugene Bo-nla, who were rescued at sea by the liner Vadreland, arrived in New York.

tigboat captain is not in error about his bearings are discussing the possibility of a collision between the Palmer and the unknown schooner. The finding of many bundles of shingles and of three yawls in the harbor soon after the storm abated, they regard as supporting the theory of a collision. The Palmer lies in deep water, with only six feet or so of her masts visible. The unknown vessel, if there is a second wreck, is about three miles to Ralph O. Bates, a well known civil war veteran, who lectured extensively in the schools of the country on his died at Santa Cruz, Cal. a second wreck, is about three miles to the northeast in the same genera

Orville Snyder, who killed Arthur Green near Junction Bar. Ore. in a row on Dec. 24, and later surrendered, was taken from Deputy Sheriff J. H. Casady by five masked men and shot channel.

Probably the last person to see the Palmer before she sank was Captain Sockamp of the barge Hoptacong, which docked at Lynn today from Hoboken. He reported passing the Palmer a mile and a half off Cape Cod late Christmas afternoon. At that time the Palmer's crew was on deck, singing and celebrating the holiday in true sea fashion, all unknowing of the tragic fate that awaited them within a few hours at the entrance to their home port. PRESIDENT BEGINS WORK

Decides to Adhere to His Original In-

ON HIS SPECIAL MESSAGE.

Washington, Dec. 28.-President Taf discussed with members of his cabine today the final details of the specia message he will send to congress nex week dealing with proposed amendients to the interstate commerce an Sherman anti-trust laws, and then be

Yesterday's roll of wrecks was increased today. The schooner Ada K. Damon, the sole support of her aged master, Capt. A. K. Brewster of York, Me., went ashore at Castle Hill beach, near Ipswich. She will probably be a total loss. Her crew managed to reach shore section. president might in this, the first of his series of special messages to congress Curtis of Surry, Me., sprang a leak while in winter quarters and sank at East Surry in three fathoms. deal only with the interstate commer deal only with the Interstate commerce act, leaving his proposed discussion of the anti-trust law to some future date. He has decided, however, that as the two subjects are so closely related he will adhere to his original intention of making his recommendations for changes in the two acts in one communication to the senate and house. In this message he will submit his recommendations for the issue of fed. Burial of Frederic Remington, Artist

of alimony. He admitted that since the proceedings began he had transferred the Great Neck, L. L. property to others.

"If you drew a check now, where "If you drew a check now, where to be the proceedings began he had transferred where at 9.50 o'clock this morning and the body was conveyed to the under federal jurisdiction or left alone, and the body was conveyed to the church, where it lay in state until 2 as the directors of the corporations see fit.

Present High Prices for Farm Prod-

Washington, Dec. 28 .- The present high prices for farm products have come to stay; the rural population is playing out; the present census, if it classes the unincorporated villages as towns, will show between 60 and 65 per cent. of population living in towns, declared Representative Champ Clark of Missouri, the minority leader, in the house, today. "At the present rate, in twenty years, the United States will cease to be an exporting nation for agricultural products except as to colagricultural products except as to cot-

"One of the principal causes of the high prices of farm products is the world movement of people toward the towns and cities, while a few people

for smashing the bar at the Union station in this city some weeks ago, by the police court, to the district NATIVES OF CONNECTICUT Four Years for Drugging and Robbing

Four-Inch Gun for Each Naval Militia man named Clark and a music hall singer, known as Mile, Vallier, who claims to have been born in Connec-Washington, Dec. 28.—With a view to procuring a higher degree of proficiency among the naval militia of the various states, Acting Secretary of the Navy Winthrop today directed that a form the content of the Mary was a content ticut, were today sentenced each four years' imprisonment for having drugged and robbed one Mme. Lebianc of \$1,000.

> CLAIM OF \$50,000,000 INVOLVED. And Civil War History Heard.

bristling with ante-bellum history and later incidents of the Civil war in Virginia and West Virginia, involving a claim of \$50,000,000 on behalt of Virginia against the latter state, was heard today before Charles E. Little-field as special master in equity of the United States, warrange court New York, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Alice V. McAlvoon today obtained an interlocutory decree of absolute divorce from William A. McAloon, who is known on the stage as Andrew Mack. The decree granted to the wife the custody of their only son Francis A. McAloon.

United States supreme court.

The case is to determine the question of the apportionment of the internal debt of Virginia at the time when West Virginia was a part of the "Old Demistration."

Belgian Socialists Oppose King's Civil List.

Brussels, Dec. 28 .- The socialists in Brusseis, Dec. 28,—The socialists in the chamber of deputies today opposed the civil list of the king, which amounts to 3,300,000 frances (\$660,000) and reaffirmed their allegiance to a republic. The appropriations, however, were adopted by a vote of 100 to 29.

Killed by Iron Weight Falling on Him. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 28.—John Doogan was killed today by a heavy iron weight falling on him at a local boiler works. He was 40 years old and leaves a wife and child.

New York, Dec. 28.—Mr. Carnegie continued to improve tonight. The pain in his knee had diminlahed entirely

# ZELAYA SAYS HE IS STILL PRESIDENT

Floods Caused an Immense Amount Though He May Never Go Back to Nicaragua to Enjoy His Privileges

#### DENIES THAT HE IS A PRISONER

In Any Sense of the Word and that He is Free to Go and Come as e May Choose-Details from U.S. Cruisers Feeding Hungry Zelayan Soldiers-Madriz's Terms of Peace Refused by Gen. Estrada.

Denies That He is a Prisoner.

Cordoba, Mexico Dec. 28, Josa Santos Zelaya, formerly president of Nicaragua, today denied that he was a prisoner in the hands of the Mexican officers in any sense of the word. He was asked whether, in giving him a commissioners to meet the Madris commissioners, but said that the revolutionary party would not recognize refuge, the Mexican government ac-cepted responsibility for his person and in doing so looked on him as a prisoner. He said emphatically that such was not the case and that he was free to go where he chose.

HUNGRY ZELAYAN SOLDIERS Fed by Marines from Cruisers Des Moines and Tacoma.

tes, a well known civil ed Sunday says that under the direct supervision of Commanders Shipley and Niblack, men detailed from the Des Moines and the Tacoma began on dering all possible assistance and are furnishing blankets, clothing and shoes as rapidly as possible. Three hundred prisoners are being temporarily providprisoners are being temporarily provided for by Estrada at Rama, and 200 more are being carde for by relatives and friends in Bluefields.

Bluefields.

ESTRADA WILL NOT ACCEPT MADRIZ'S TERMS OF PEACE.

Leader of Revolutionists Refuses to Recognize Title of Madriz to the Presidency-What Madriz Would Ac-

Washington, Dec. 28.-General Estra-

NEW METHOD OF RELIEF BY AMERICAN RED CROSS Furnishing Aid to the Destitute Great Disasters.

Red Cross has taken the initiative in a new method of furnishing relief to the relief of those left helpless by the re-

Ernest P. Bicknell, the national di-Cross and the National Mine Workers association and by appropriation of the legislature of Illinois.

cross and the National and Workers and plays such a little part in the education of the legislature of lilinois.

The plan is to consolidate the funds of the Red Cross, the state of lilinois and the Mine Workers and place them and the Mine Workers and place them in the hands of a board representing the three bedies. Under the direction of this board each family in Cherry will be visited and its condition as to ped for his life work, for he is forever its ability to support itself fully looked barred from the uplifting qualities to into. The amount of the allotment to be derived from great musical compoeach family will depend upon this in- sitions.

MARRIED IN A TAXICAB. Odd Ceremony in Courtyard of Belle-

pital, and Mrs. L. R. Rotzell were married in a taxicab in the courtyard of the hospital today while witnesses and the officiating clergyman were all crowded in and about the vehicle. Bridesmalds alone were missing. The odd ceremony was made neces-sary when Smith collapsed in the cab-after a trip to the city half for a marriage license. Despite his weakened condition, it was decided to perform the ceremony with the bride and groom scated in the vehicle. The honeymoon trip consisted of a journey from the hospital to his residence, with his wife acting as nurse. acting as nurse.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Long continued maintenance of a lower rate raises no presumption of law that a newly established rate is unreasonable, according to a decision announced today by the interstate commerce commis-sion. The commission made this im-portant declaration in connection with its decision in the case of the dealers. brokers and manufacturers of cotton-seed oil at Memphis, Tenn., against railroads transporting their product. posed increase in the rate being

Dispute Between New Haven Road and Adams Express Co. Settled. New Haven Dec. 38.—At the office of the New York, New Haven & Hart-ford Railroad Co. it was stated that the dispute between the New Haven

Lockout.

Boston, Dec. 28.—Vormont's granite ockeut, affecting 4,500 workers, was brought into Massachusetts today when a joint committee made up of one man from each of the six local unions affected visited the internation-al union headquarters at Quincy in an endeavor to arrive at some agreean end.

Cordoba, Mexico, Dec. 28.—Jose Santos Zelaya declared tonight that he is still president of Nicaragua, though he may never go back to that country to enjoy the privileges of the office. Madriz, he asserted; is only a provisional president, and that he (Zelaya) has not relinquished the executive office.

Denies That He is a Prisoner.
Cordoba, Mexico, Dec. 28.—Josa Santos Cordoba, Mexico, Dec. 28.—Josa Santos Cordoba, Mexico, Dec. 28.—Josa Santos Cordoba decident of the present of th

commissioners, but said that the revolutionary party would not recognize the action of the legislative assembly in placing power in the hands of Madriz. He denied emphatically the assembly's right to deal with the election of president, and said that he saw in Madriz the usurper of the rights of the Nicaraguan people.

The terms upon which Madriz is willing to make peace, it is believed, are shown in a letter which purports to have been signed by him and addressed to a friend. In it he expressed his desire for peace without further bloods

other proper conditions.
It is not doubted here that Estrada's known astuteness will prevent him from accepting terms of peace, predicated upon the prior surrender by him of his army, arms and ammunition to his enemy. Therefore it is not believed that the conference between Estrada and the Madrix commissioners will result in any particular change in the sult in any particular change present status.

THE MUSIC TEACHERS' NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Thirty-First Annual Convention at Chicago-200 Delegates Present. Chicago, Dec. 28.—"The American people are musical barbarians and the function of the American musician is

estitute in great disasters. If the plan to civilize the people."
This declaration by President A. W. ellef of those left helpless by the reconvention of the Music Teachers Na-tional association, which met today. Two hundred delegates from all parts of the country were present when Dr. Harris gave the address of welcome. "It is a regrettable fact that music

"A young man who goes into the world without having some idea and appreciation of music is poorly equip-ped for his life work, for he is forever

"Education is too cold, and it would be materially improved by the addi-tion of musical studies in connection with our college courses."
Waldo S. Pratt of Hartford, Conn., spoke on "The Management of Church

Newport District.

Newport, R. I. Dec. 28 (by messenger).—Newport has now been three days without wire communication with the outside world, as a result of the the outside world, as a result of the Christmas night storm. More than one thousand of the 2,200 telephones in the system comprising Newport, Jamestown Middletown and Portsmouth are "dead," and normal conditions cannot be resumed, it is believed, for at least a fortnight. It is estimated by telephone company officials that the damage to their system will reach \$100,000.

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The telegraph service is seriously crippled. The train service, too, is delayed, owing to the failure of the

Porto Rican Reception to Secretary of War Dickinson.

San Juan, P. R. Dec. 23.—Governor Colton's reception last evening in honor of the American secretary of war, Jacob M. Dickinson, and Brigadler Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, was unsurpassed even by that given to President Roosevelt in 1966. Delegations from all the towns in the island and from all the towns in the island and from all branches of society, official military and political, were present.

Connecticut State Bank Commissioner Seriously III With Bronchitis.

New Millord Conn., Dec. 28.—State Bank Commissioner Charles H. Noble has been seriously ill at his home here or several days with bronchitis, requiring almost constant attention of the part of the attending "hysician. Mr. Noble, it is stated, has suffered for years from bronchial trouble, but has never before had an attack so severe as the present one.

Found Guilty of Betting on Baseball Game.

betting law, passed lost winter, was obtained today when Charles Schwartz was found guilty in the superior court or having placed a bet on a basebase game. Sentence will be imposed next Friday. Two years is the maximum penalty.

Paris, Dec. 28.—After several weeks search, the Paris police today arrested